

THE CITIZEN

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LIVELY GLO'STER WERE SUPERIOR IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

With Sutton and Troughton both getting a "Hat-Trick" of tries, Gloucester had little difficulty in beating a weakened Guy's Hospital side at Kingsholm.

The hospital line was crossed seven times in all; Baker converted two of the tries, and Gloucester won by 25 points to 8.

Despite the muddy state of the ground and the slippery ball, the home team adapted themselves to the conditions extremely well and established such complete superiority that their margin of victory might easily have been considerably larger.

PLENTY OF CHANCES

Gloucester's monopoly of the ball from the scrums and lines-out gave half-backs Humphris and Cartmell plenty of chances to open up the game, the latter being the mainspring of numerous attacks by the home team.

The forwards, particularly Gordon Hudson, again played a prominent part in many of Gloucester's passing movements.

Hudson got one try himself and was largely instrumental in the scoring of at least two others.

Hodge, Watkins and Parry were always in the forefront of attacks by the Gloucester forwards in the loose, while Wells got in some good work in the lines-out.

GOOD HANDLING

The handling of Gloucester's threequarters was surprisingly good in view of the slippery state of the ball, Sutton and Troughton both showing considerable thrust in the centre.

Trevor Halls, at full-back for Gloucester did not have a great deal to do in defence but his opposite number, W. Howells though often hard-pressed, gave a good account of himself.

Guy's never gave up trying and quickness to seize opportunities led to their two tries, both of which were scored by Wilson. W. G. Davies converted one.

Weakened by late changes, Guy's played a plucky game but were no match for Gloucester.